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DOT LAMBS WHAT MARY HAD GOT.

Mary had got a little lamb already:
Dose vool vos vilo like snow;
Und efery times dot Mary did vend oud,
Dot lambs vent also oud, vid Mary.

Dot lambs dit follow Mary von day of der school-house.

Vich vos obbosition to der rules of her school-master;

Also, vich it dis caused dose schillen to smile oud loud,

Ven dey did saw dose lamb on der inside of der school-house.

Und zo dot schoolmaster did kick der lambs gwick oud;

Likewise dot lambs did loaf around on der outside.

Und dit shoo der flies mit his tail oft batiently about.

Undil Mary dit come also run dot school-house oud.

Und den dot lambs dit run right away gwick to Mary.

Und dit make his het on Mary's arms,
Like he vould said, "I dond vos schared,
Mary vould kept me um deroubles enshaw."

"Vot vos der reason about it, of dot lambs und Mary?"

Dose schillen dit ask it, dot schoolmasters:
"Vell, dond you know it, dot Mary lote dose lambs already?"

Dot schoolmaster dit said.

DISCOVERY OF THE SILVER KING.

ITS CHARACTERISTICS AND DEVELOPMENT.
THE LITTLE BROWN HILL ON THE STONE-MAN GRADE. THE SOLDIER'S STORY. THE ATHENS MINE.

SILVER KING CAMP, PINAL CO., A. T.,
July 29th, 1875.

EDITOR MINER:—When Gen. Stoneman was in command here he had a post at Camp Pickett, 30 miles north-east from Florence, in the foot-hills of the Pinal Mountains.

This post was in a silent, pretty little valley of about twenty acres, with running water, good grass and some cotton-wood trees.

About fifteen miles back in the mountains he had another post, called Camp Pinal. In order to get supplies to Camp Pinal he was obliged to cut a road over the mountains, which road has ever since been known as Stoneman's grade. The cutting was so heavy in many places that the grade can be seen from a great distance in the valley, and reminds one of some of the stage roads winding over the Sierra Nevada. The work of cutting the grade was done by soldiers.

THE ORIGINAL DISCOVERER.

One day one of these soldiers said to a comrade, "If I live to be discharged I shall be one of the richest men in Arizona." On being questioned as to how that would happen, he said it would be on account of a mine he had discovered while working on the Stoneman grade, and then told whereabouts it was. One month before the time for his discharge he was killed by a mule.

COPPER.

Four farmers lived near Florence—Regan, Copeland, Mason and Long—to relieve the monotony of agricultural labors on the Gila they made occasional prospecting visits in the adjoining Pinal Mountains, and had discovered a copper vein about 40 miles back in the mountains, called the Globe mine.

When Tully & Ochoa started up their copper furnace in Tucson, Regan and his partners concluded they would have their Globe mine tested, and fitted out at Florence to go after some ore.

THE COMRADES STORY.

It was election day in Pinal county for the first set of County officers, on the first Monday in March, 1875. A discharged soldier who happened to be in Florence enjoying the festivities of the occasion, came to the Regan party consisting of Regan, Copeland, Mason and Long, and "held them with his glistening eye." "I have a tale to tell," said he, and then he told them his dead comrades story. "When you go up the Stoneman grade, said he, you will pass the tanks; you will pass old Camp Pickett, then some five miles on you will come into a mountainous country; you will see a little valley like, hemmed in with mountains; near the head of the valley you will see some immense boulders on the side of the road, off just a little bit you will see a little brown hill rising up all by itself, and in that hill, if what my old comrade said is true, you will find the richest mine in the world. You are going right by the mine anyhow, and you may just as well stop and look a little for it.

INDIFFERENCE.

The Regan party heard the stranger's story, forwarded him probably in the matter of his festivities, but were not much affected by his recital. They went on with their preparations for the copper expedition, passed up the Stoneman grade, recognized the valley, saw the boulders and the little brown hill beyond and, laughingly, said, "There's our big mine, boys." But not one of the party stopped or appeared anxious to verify the stranger's tale. They had started for copper, and with the dogged persistence and easy incredulity of the old pioneer stock, were not to be turned aside by every idle tale, no matter how eloquently it might be told. They toiled along up and down the rugged side of the Pinal Mountains till they got to their Globe copper mine, dug out what they wanted, loaded their pack animals and returned, and then again they met the little brown hill which the story said contained endless wealth for the fortunate possessor of its contents. Regan, who was the leader of the party, looked at the little brown hill and meditated. Copper was good, but silver was richer, it might be that there was something in the story after all; they had got their copper and were nearly home. It might be as well to look into the matter a little. Having more confidence in Copeland's judgment of mines than his own, he turned to him and said, "Copeland, let's look at this thing; give me the lead mule and

the rest of us will go on to camp, five miles below, and you go over and see what you think of it. Copeland went over and found croppings immediately. He broke off some specimens and overtook the party at Pickett, coming in only an hour or so behind them. The next day they all went on to Florence. Copeland took his rock to a blacksmith's forge and melted out a fine bar of pure silver.

COPPER STOCK DOWN.

The party had been in great haste to get some copper out from the Globe to test their mine, but it was concluded now that the copper could wait. They rustled up a wagon, a few mining tools and returned next day to the little brown hill, broke off 1,500 pounds of rock from the surface, and took it up to Tucson with their copper. The Tucson people admired the ore, so much so that one of them offered \$800 for the \$1,500 lbs., which offer was immediately accepted. The ore was worked by Messrs Airy & Hughes, Assayers at Tucson, and the consequence was a sudden emigration from Tucson to the little brown mountain country.

THE SILVER KING.

Regan and party named their discovery the Silver King, and began sinking on it about the 15th of April. There is now a lively little camp near the mine (no town yet) with a four-horse stage making regular trips to and from Florence, which is 35 miles away. This week a station was established 12 miles below the camp, where a change of horses is had each way, making the trip in 6 or 7 hours; costs \$5 to get into the mines, but only \$4 to get out, which strikes me as a little peculiar, as I have generally found the getting into a district was much easier than getting out. In a few days meals will be furnished at the station, and the journey here will then be as lovely as the heart of man could desire.

DEVELOPMENTS.

The Silver King shaft is now down 42 feet, with a drift from the bottom 12 feet. The shaft is 6x9 feet, and the drift is 5 feet wide by 6 1/2 feet high. The shaft started on mineral and as it goes down cuts numerous small seams of rich ore, all pitching toward the main mountain at an angle of about 55°. These seams vary in width from three inches to eighteen inches. The hill is in a formation of brownish stone, which the miners think is a kind of granite. The vein matter is quartz. The mineral consists chiefly of chlorides and black sulphurets. Great quantities of nearly pure silver is found in little black nuggets in the quartz; these nuggets are soft, have coherence like bar lead, and can be chewed between the teeth without feeling any grit; they assay about \$27,000 to the ton. The first lot of ore worked was about 500 pounds taken from the first 14 feet of the shaft. It was worked in a little furnace built at Florence by Messrs. Airy & Hughes, to work ores from this district. This lot of ore yielded over \$5 a pound; and 100 pounds yielded over \$8 a pound. To work this, they bought in Tucson pig-lead produced from the Patagonia mine, which is about 80 miles south of Tucson. Another lot of about 5 tons of ore is now at the furnace at Florence, which, it is estimated from the assays made, will work \$7,000 a ton; the remainder of the ore is still on the dump. It is estimated that the ore taken out of the shaft of 42 feet depth, 6x9 in size, will, taken as a whole, yield about \$50,000 in, or in other words, that the original prospecting shaft on the mine has in the first 42 feet given a yield of over \$1,000 a foot—which certainly entitles this mine to be known by the name of Silver King.

BOND FOR A SALE.

Of course this was considered too good a mine to leave in the hands of original prospectors. Col. Boyle and Mr. Hellings visited the mine and, after a brief examination, bonded the mine for 60 days for \$200,000. The original owners retain possession and continue to work. The developments since the bonding have been so good that the owners are quite indifferent as to whether the mine is taken off their hands or not, as they feel the money is in sight. The bond has still about 40 days to run. Six men are now employed at the mine. As soon as this bond matter is settled one way or the other the force will be increased. Wages are \$3 per day.

REDUCTION WORKS.

The Silver King produces mainly a milling ore. The richest ore is of course best treated by smelting. There are facilities for reduction works of both classes in the immediate neighborhood of the mine. At Camp Pickett, five miles below, there is a stream of water sufficient to run a steam mill of 80 or 100 stamps. Wood can be brought in from the pineries, over the Stoneman grade, in practically unlimited quantities, for \$3 per cord; so that here is water and fuel for milling and smelting a great amount of ore at very low rates. Then, seven miles below Camp Pickett or twelve miles from the Silver King there is a fine running stream of living water, sufficient, with care, to run 300 stamps. In some very dry years the water fails for a little while at the 12-mile point, and goes down at Camp Pickett so low that it would not run more than 20 stamps; but at the Silver Queen mine, about three miles away up a side cañon, there is water enough for 100 stamps, which never fails. A spring of good drinking water is found within 75 yards of the Silver King shaft. It furnishes all the water needed at the Camp, and it is thought would also support some small reduction works. There are four other springs of living water within one mile of

the Silver King, which have held throughout this season. Some of these are declared by the Indians to be never-failing. So that the district is clearly one of the most remarkable in Central or Southern Arizona in this, that it has the richest rock in the country, with facilities for reduction in the way of wood and water as great as any reasonable man would dare ask.

I thought to make another letter on this immediate country, but I find I have not time. I will merely say that the strata here are very regular; coarse, north-east to south-west, with the dip east; that the brown stone formation in which the Silver King is found is about half-way up the mountain, and runs across the country visibly about a mile in length and about a thousand feet wide; that the Silver King mine is in a little sugar-loaf prominence which rises out of the formation, a little north of the middle of the belt; that this brown stone formation seems to be the ore channel at this point; that on each side of the Silver King sugar-loaf the formation is covered with wash from the hills above, and being low and covered with this wash, a kind of flat is formed, which is called the Valley, but it is only a portion of the mountain side, much less abrupt than what is above, much like Chloride Flat at White Pine as to shape; that the Silver King was located so as to run its 1,500 feet of length straight up the mountain, east and west, while it is now generally conceded that if there be a vein it runs the other way, i. e. north-east and south-west. So that in that case the Silver King would have only 600 feet on the vein; that the ground on the brown stone formation is located throughout its extent, and that nothing has yet been opened on either side of the Silver King which yet shows anything of importance.

Bradshaw, of your county, has a location in the brown stone which is considered good.

Away down to the south, about two miles away, a little below the line of the brown stone, the Athens mine is situated, from which were taken the wonderful slabs of nearly pure silver, for one of which \$1,000 was offered. The mine is owned by Charles Brown, a noted prospector and staker of Tucson, and a Mr. Dorsey.

The boys of this Camp are in fine spirits, and fond of a little joke. They got a Tucson lawyer down the shaft of the Silver King, the other day, and left him there till he agreed to stand the lager for the Camp. He fulfilled his promise right royally, for the next stage from Florence after his departure was kept two hours behind time with the load of lager he sent up, and he spells his name with a C.

While I write I am somewhat confused by hearing one of the boys stoutly contending that semi-weekly trips means three times a week, which reminds me of a miner in Florence telling me that they undertook to hold him in Tucson once for a witness, but that Judge Titus let him off on his own reconnaissance. And now Kiso.

BROKEN FRIENDSHIP.

Friendship is a good deal like china. It is very durable and beautiful as long as it is whole; but break it, and all the cement in the world will never quite repair the damage. You may stick the pieces together, so that at a distance, it looks nearly as well as ever; but it won't hold hot water. It is always ready to deceive you if you trust it; and it is on the whole, a very worthless thing, fit to be put empty on a shelf, and forgotten there. The finer and more delicate it is the more utter the ruin. A mere acquaintance, which needs only a little bit of humor to break it up, may be coarsely put together like old yellow basin in the store closet; but tenderness and trust, and sweet exchange of confidences can no more be yours when angry words and thoughts have broken them than can those delicate teacups which were splintered